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21.	Institute of Molecular Medicine, Kolkata	350.00
22.	Indigene Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad	1000.00
23.	Lupin Limited, Mumbai	1016.00
24.	Bharat Biotech India Ltd., Hyderabad	560.62
25.	Alembic Ltd., Vadodara	28.50
26.	Lupin Ltd., Mumbai	644.96
27.	Lensel Optics Pvt. Ltd., Pune	14.75
28.	Xcyton Diagnostic, Bangalore	69.56

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the loan, the repayment will commence after the project period and the total amount including the interest will be recovered in 10 annual instalments. The loan carries a simple interest of 3% per annum. Since these projects are on going, repayment of loan has not begun. However, no company has shown any unwillingness to repay the loan.

Scheme of weighted average deduction

3915. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to scrap the Scheme of weighted average deduction of 150 per cent under Section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act for R&D in Pharma Industry;

(b) if so, whether CAG report had indicate Pharma companies for fraudulent claims under the above scheme; and

(c) if so the names of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The scheme of weighted deduction of 150 per cent under section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act, for R&D in industry (including pharma industry) is available only up to 31st March, 2007. However, the Government had constituted a committee last year to look into the existing incentives/deductions relating to scientific research under the Income

Tax Act and evolve ideas for more focused spending on genuine scientific research activities.

(b) and (c) The audit reports of CAG on Income Tax have not included any findings on fraudulent claims under the scheme of weighted deduction of 150 per cent under section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act for R&D in pharma industry. However, the audit report nos. 13 of 2003 and 13 of 2005 have featured comments on under-assessment of income due to irregular allowance of ineligible weighted deduction under section 35(2AB) of Income Tax Act, in respect of some companies. The names of these companies are M/s Amrutanjan Ltd., Chennai, M/s Lupin Ltd., Mumbai, M/s Cipla Ltd., Mumbai and M/s Nicholas Piramal India Ltd., Mumbai.

Agreements on science and technology

3916. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Canada have decided to sign comprehensive agreements on science and technology to give a boost to research activities in both the countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to have another agreement with Canada for transfer of technology from laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. India and Canada have concluded an inter-governmental agreement at Toronto on 18th November, 2005 facilitating scientific and technological cooperation.

(b) The cooperation is envisaged through joint research and development activities; facilitation of commercially viable research and development; pooling of research and development projects, already underway within each Party, into Joint Research Activities; visits and exchanges of scientists, technical experts and academics; exchanges and loans of equipment and materials; exchanges of information on practices, laws, regulations and programmes relevant to the Cooperative Activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement; organization of scientific